

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas

Dr. Seuss

Narrator, The Grinch, and however many Whos you want

ALL: Every Who down in Who-ville Liked Christmas a lot...

Who ___: But the Grinch, who lived just north of Who-ville, Did NOT!

Who ___: The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season! Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.

Who ___: It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.

Who ___: It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight.

Who ___: But I think that the most likely reason of all May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.

Who ___: But, whatever the reason, His heart or his shoes, He stood there on Christmas Eve, hating the Whos,

Who ___: Staring down from his cave with a sour, Grinchy frown at the warm lighted windows below in their town. For he knew every Who down in Who-ville beneath Was busy now, hanging a mistletoe wreath.

Grinch: And they're hanging their stockings!

Narrator: he snarled with a sneer,

Grinch: Tomorrow is Christmas! It's practically here!

Who ___: Then he growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming,

Grinch: I MUST find some way to stop Christmas from coming!

Who ___: For, tomorrow, he knew...

Who ___: ...All the Who girls and boys would wake bright and early. They'd rush for their toys! And then!

Who ___: Oh, the noise! Oh, the Noise! Noise! Noise! Noise!

Who ___: That's one thing he hated!

Who ___: The NOISE!

Who ___: NOISE!

Who ___: NOISE!

Who ___: NOISE!

Who ___: Then the Whos, young and old, would sit down to a feast.

Who ___: And they'd feast!

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Who ___: They would feast on Who-pudding, and rare Who-roast beast

Who ___: Which was something the Grinch couldn't stand in the least!

Who ___: And THEN They'd do something He liked least of all!

Who ___: Every Who down in Who-ville, the tall and the small, Would stand close together, with Christmas bells ringing. They'd stand hand-in-hand.

Who ___: And the Whos would start singing!

Who ___: They'd sing!

Who ___: And they'd sing!

Who ___: And they'd SING!

Who ___: SING!

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Who ___: SING!

Who ___: And the more the Grinch thought of this Who-Christmas-Sing,

Narrator: The more the Grinch thought

Grinch: I must stop this whole thing! Why, for fifty-three years I've put up with it now! I MUST stop this Christmas from coming! ...But HOW?

Who ___: Then he got an idea!

Who ___: An awful idea!

ALL: THE GRINCH GOT A WONDERFUL, AWFUL IDEA!

Grinch: I know just what to do!

Narrator: The Grinch laughed in his throat.

Who ___: And he made a quick Santy Claus hat and a coat.

Narrator: And he chuckled, and clucked,

Grinch: What a great Grinchy trick! With this coat and this hat, I look just like Saint Nick! All I need is a reindeer...

Who ___: The Grinch looked around. But, since reindeer are scarce, there was none to be found.

Who ___: Did that stop the old Grinch...?

Grinch: No!

Narrator: The Grinch simply said

Grinch: If I can't find a reindeer, I'll make one instead!

Who ___: So he called his dog, Max.

Who ___: Then he took some red thread. And he tied a big horn on the top of his head.

Who ___: THEN He loaded some bags

Who ___: And some old empty sacks

Who ___: On a ramshackle sleigh

Who ___: And he hitched up old Max.

Narrator: Then the Grinch said

Grinch: Giddap!

Who ___: And the sleigh started down toward the homes where the Whos lay a-snooze in their town.

Who ___: All their windows were dark. Quiet snow filled the air.

Who ___: All the Whos were all dreaming sweet dreams without care

Who ___: When he came to the first little house on the square.

Grinch: This is stop number one

Narrator: The old Grinchy Claus hissed

Who ___: And he climbed to the roof, empty bags in his fist.

Who ___: Then he slid down the chimney. A rather tight pinch.

Who ___: But, if Santa could do it

Who ___: then so could the Grinch

Who ___: He got stuck only once, for a moment or two.

Who ___: Then he stuck his head out of the fireplace flue where the little Who stockings all hung in a row.

Grinch: These stockings

Narrator: he grinned

Grinch: are the first things to go!

Who ___: Then he slithered and slunk, with a smile most unpleasant,

Who ___: Around the whole room, and he took every present!

Who ___: Pop guns!

Who ___: And bicycles!

Who ___: Roller skates!

Who ___: Drums!

Who ___: Checkerboards!

Who ___: Tricycles!

Who ___: Popcorn!

Who ___: And plums!

Who ___: And he stuffed them in bags.

Who ___: Then the Grinch, very nimbly, Stuffed all the bags, one by one, up the chimbley!

Who ___: Then he slunk to the icebox.

Who ___: He took the Whos' feast!

Who ___: He took the Who-pudding!

Who ___: He took the roast beast!

Who ___: He cleaned out that icebox as quick as a flash.

Who ___: Why, that Grinch even took their last can of Who-hash!

Who ___: Then he stuffed all the food up the chimney with glee.

Grinch: And NOW!

Narrator: grinned the Grinch

Grinch: I will stuff up the tree!

Who ___: And the Grinch grabbed the tree, and he started to shove

Who ___: When he heard a small sound like the coo of a dove.

Who ___: He turned around fast, and he saw a small Who!

Who ___: Little Cindy-Lou Who

Who ___: who was not more than two.

Who ___: The Grinch had been caught by this tiny Who daughter who'd got out of bed for a cup of cold water.

Narrator: She stared at the Grinch and said

Who ___: Santy Claus, why? Why are you taking our Christmas tree? WHY?

Who ___: But, you know, that old Grinch was so smart and so slick. He thought up a lie,

Who ___: he thought it up quick!

Grinch: Why, my sweet little tot

Narrator: the fake Santy Claus lied

Grinch: There's a light on this tree that won't light on one side. So I'm taking it home to my workshop, my dear. I'll fix it up there. Then I'll bring it back here.

Who ___: And his fib fooled the child.

Who ___: Then he patted her head and he got her a drink and he sent her to bed.

Who ___: And when Cindy-Lou Who went to bed with her cup, HE went to the chimney and stuffed the tree up!

Who ___: Then the last thing he took was the log for their fire!

Who ___: Then he went up the chimney, himself, the old liar.

Who ___: On their walls he left nothing but hooks and some wire.

Who ___: And the one speck of food that he left in the house was a crumb that was even too small for a mouse.

Who ___: Then He did the same thing to the other Whos' houses.

Who ___: Leaving crumbs much too small For the other Whos' mice!

Who ___: It was quarter past dawn...

Who ___: All the Whos, still a-bed,

Who ___: All the Whos, still a-snooze

Who ___: When he packed up his sled

Who ___: Packed it up with their presents!

Who ___: The ribbons!

Who ___: The wrappings!

Who ___: The tags!

Who ___: And the tinsel!

Who ___: The trimmings!

Who ___: The trappings!

Who ___: Three thousand feet up!

Who ___: Up the side of Mt. Crumpit

Who ___: He rode with his load to the tiptop to dump it!

Grinch: Pooh-Pooh to the Whos!

Narrator: he was grinch-ish-ly humming

Grinch: They're finding out now that no Christmas is coming! They're just waking up! I know just what they'll do! Their mouths will hang open a minute or two then the Whos down in Who-ville will all cry Boo-Hoo! That's a noise

Narrator: grinned the Grinch

Grinch: That I simply MUST hear!

Who ___: So he paused. And the Grinch put his hand to his ear. And he did hear a sound rising over the snow.

Who ___: It started in low.

Who ___: Then it started to grow...

Who ___: But the sound wasn't sad!

Who ___: Why, this sound sounded merry!

Who ___: It couldn't be so!

Who ___: But it WAS merry!

ALL: VERY!

Who ___: He stared down at Who-ville!

Who ___: The Grinch popped his eyes!

Who ___: Then he shook!

Who ___: What he saw was a shocking surprise!

Who ___: Every Who down in Who-ville, the tall and the small, was singing!

Who ___: Without any presents at all!

Who ___: He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! It came!

Who ___: Somehow or other, it came just the same!

Who ___: And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,

Narrator: Stood puzzling and puzzling

Grinch: How could it be so? It came with out ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!

Who ___: And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.

Who ___: Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!

Grinch: Maybe Christmas

Narrator: he thought

Grinch: doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!

Who ___: And what happened then...?

Who ___: Well...in Who-ville they say that the Grinch's small heart Grew three sizes that day!

Who ___: And the minute his heart didn't feel quite so tight, he whizzed with his load through the bright morning light

Who ___: And he brought back the toys!

Who ___: And the food for the feast!

Who ___: And he...

Who ___: HE HIMSELF...!

Who ___: The Grinch carved the roast beast!

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